

Governor Newsom Announced Four Stage Plan to Re-Open Businesses

The Governor indicated the second stage could come in less than a month if health data warrant it. He was cautiously optimistic but less specific regarding later stages, saying Stage 3 is months away, and the final stage (Stage 4) of reopening fully is contingent on the development of treatment, meaning it is a matter of several months.

These modifications are based on science, health & data & will happen in 4 stages:

Stage 1: Safety and preparedness

- The state will build up testing, tracing, PPE and hospital capacity
- Prioritize safety for workers and customers in essential workplaces
- Prepare safety guidelines for expanded workforce, broken down by industries

Stage 2: Lower-risk workplaces

- Gradually open some lower-risk businesses and workplaces, adapted for social distancing
- Curbside pickup for retail businesses
- Reopen manufacturing businesses
- Office workers may return if telework is not possible
- Increase access to public spaces

Stage 3: Higher-risk workplaces

- Use restrictions on gathering sizes and other limits to reopen higher-risk workplaces
- Salons and gyms reopen with restrictions
- Sports (without live audiences) and movie theaters
- Religious services return to in-person settings

Stage 4: End of stay-at-home order

- The highest-risk environments will be reopened once appropriate treatments are developed
- Live sporting events with fans
- Concerts and festivals
- Conventions